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# Big Sweep/Litter Sweep Planned for April 2

Join the Town of Garner for its spring Big Sweep/Litter Sweep event on Saturday, April 2. This semi-annual event relies on volunteers from the Garner area to help pick up trash along Garner roadways and along waterways in the town.

Garner was recognized by Wake Soil and Water Conservation with the Big Sweep Excellence Award in December 2015. Over the past 10 years, more than 600 volunteers have collected nearly 4 tons of trash from our parks and roads. Picking up this litter not only helps keep Garner clean and green; it also reduces the amount of trash that goes into important water resources such as Lake Benson.

Participants will receive their assignments and equipment (gloves, bags, etc.) at 9 a.m. at the Holly Shelter at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road) on April 2. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Registration can be completed online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/garnerprcr> or by calling White Deer Park Nature Center at (919) 661-6982.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Holly Shelter on the day of the event. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and bring sun protection. Breakfast and water will be provided.

Earth Day, typically celebrated on April 22, was established in 1970 to set aside a day to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The observance has since evolved from Earth Day to Earth Week and Earth Month. People from all over the world commit to participating in events that protect our planet. Big Sweep/Litter Sweep is a great opportunity to be part of a worldwide movement while making a difference locally.

For more information, contact White Deer Park Nature Center at (919) 661-6982.

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